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1. APPROACHED 28 SEPTEMBER BY REPORTER OF INDONESIAN NEWS AGENCY ANTARA FOR COMMENT ON OPEC PRICE INCREASE ANNOUNCEMENT, MINING MINISTER SADLI SAID, "WE WILL ADJUST OUR PRICE TO OUR OIL EXPORT MARKETS, PARTICULARLY JAPAN." PER ANTARA, "HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT INDONESIA'S OIL PRICE RISE SHOULD NOT BE EQUAL TO THE TEN PERCENT RISE DECIDED BY OPEC."

2. MINISTER REPORTEDLY CALLED THE OPEC DECISION A "GOOD COMPROMISE," SAYING THAT OPEC "FEELS RESPONSIBLE FOR CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CONDITION APART FROM ITS OBLIGATION TO ATTEND TO THE INTERESTS OF ITS MEMBER COUNTRIES."

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3. SADLI ALSO SPOKE TO PRESS FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER FOLLOWING MEETING

WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO. HE STATED,
"INDONESIA WILL ACTIVELY NEW MARKETS FOR ITS CRUDE...
MARKETS OTHER THAN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES,"
MENTIONING ASEAN, AUSTRALIA, TAIWAN "AND OTHERS." IN THAT
INTERVIEW SADLI DECLARED INDONESIA'S INTENTION TO "FOLLOW
ANY DECISION MADE BY OPEC...BUT AT A LEVEL CONSIDERED
REASONABLE UNDER PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION." PER
ANTARA, "HE SAID INDONESIA'S EXPORT CRUDE OIL HAD BEEN
PRICED AT \$12.60. ON THE OTHER HAND, PEOPLE'S CHINA
SOLD ITS OIL AT \$12.10...."
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